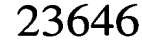


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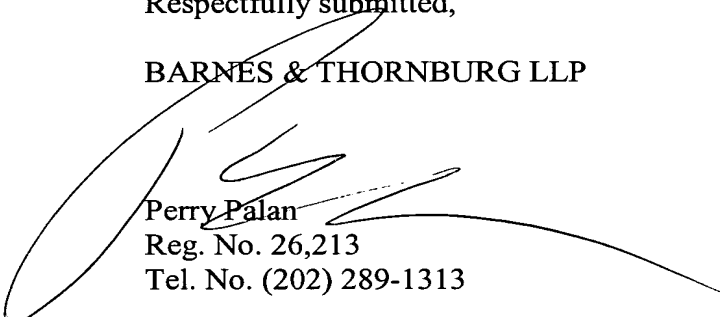
Hawthorne (US 6,263,266) does show the display of the train on the track, as well as forces throughout the train. The purpose of this patent, as indicated by its title, is to teach a method of optimizing train operation and training. It is not obvious that optimization of train

operation can be used on a portable device for the purpose of safety. Although generally all of the elements may be shown by the references of record, there is no teaching to bring them together, as required by the presently claimed invention. Thus, the claims of the present application are considered allowable over the art of record and passage of this case to issue is respectfully solicited.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (509/39471D).

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